On Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Maine Governor Janet Mills announced Executive Order No.19 FY 19/20 which directs the closure of all non-essential retail businesses to the public, with exceptions.

The Executive Order captures the LBM supply chain from manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors and retail services. The specific areas from the Executive Order to note are:

1. **All businesses and operations as identified by the United States Department of Homeland Security Guidance Memorandum on Essential Critical Infrastructure including “Workers who support the manufacture and distribution of forest products, including, but not limited to timber, paper, and other wood products”; and workers needed to maintain the continuity of these manufacturing functions and associated supply chains.**

2. **The Executive Order also identifies businesses that provide essential services including, but not limited to: industrial manufacturing, construction, home repair and hardware.**

All businesses providing essential services can continue to operate brick and mortar facilities during this time period. The Governor urges essential businesses to limit in-store customers, enhance curbside pick-up and delivery services, and implement physical distancing measures to protect customer and employee health.

This Order takes effect at 12:01 AM on March 25, 2020 and terminates at 12:00 AM on April 8, 2020 unless amended, rescinded or renewed by the Governor.

Thank you again to everyone that participated in our action alert last week. Without your grassroots advocacy, we might not have obtained the essential services status. I’d also like to thank our RLDAM Legislative Committee Chair, Rod Wiles, the Legislative Committee members, our lobbyist Dan Riley, the RLDAM Board of Directors and the NRLA staff for their cooperation and proactive steps during this process.

Click on the button below to read the Governor's executive order. If you have any questions, please let me know. Stay safe and be healthy.